Violation of labour laws

*531. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Visakapatnam Export Processing Zone in Andhra Pradesh, the management of 'World Wide Diamond Manufacturing Ltd.' is violating all sorts of labour laws by curbing their rights; and

(b) if so, what action Government are going to take for protection of rights of the labours?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh which is the appropriate Government for implementation of labour laws in the Visakapatnam Export Processing Zone (VEPZ) has made an enquiry into the violation of labour laws by the management of M/s World Wide Diamond Manufacturing (Pvt.) Ltd. which is an approved unit in the VEPZ, for processing rough/polished diamonds. The State Government has indicated that:—

— M/s World Wide Diamond Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd. has been provided by the VEPZ a standard design factory building, having all the facilities of Welfare, Health and Safety, creating conclusive environment for work.

— Wages ranging from Rs. 2300/- p.m. to Rs. 4500/- p.m. and overtime at the rate of double the normal rate are being paid to the workers.

— A Grievance Redressal Committee has also been set up in the VEPZ, which the workers could approach with their problems.

— All the Labour Laws applicable to industrial workers in the State of Andhra Pradesh are equally applicable to the industrial units in the VEPZ.